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*Proposed Agenda for Interview
Tuesday, April 12, 2011
11 am EDT
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Examiner Levine
Application No. 10/692,468
Applicants: Bao et al.
Title: ARTIFICIAL DISC DEVICE

I. Section 112 Rejections

- a. Discuss rejections.
- b. Propose amendments to overcome or indicate portions of specification that support claims.

II. 102 Rejections

- a. Discuss differences between the arcuate bearing surface and outer surface structure of 391 Feree and structure claimed in independent claims 1, 33 and 42.
- b. Propose claim amendments to clarify distinctions over 391 Feree.

III. Obviousness Rejections

- a. Discuss the reasons suggested for combining the structure disclosed in 391 Feree with the material of PEEK disclosed in Casutt.
- b. Discuss differences in structure between 391 Feree and Casutt and the structure of claims.
- c. Propose claim amendments to clarify distinctions over combination of references.